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TAGS: PFOR PINR KN KS CZ
SUBJECT: KOREAN BORDER INCIDENT

REF: PRAGUE 2315

1. IN RELATIVELY CUTIOUS INITIAL REACTION, RUDE PRAVO AND OTHER PRAGUE DAILIES AUGUST 20 CARRIED STORY OF INCIDENT IN KOREAN DMZ. RUDE PRAVO COVERAGE ON INSIDE, INTERNATIONAL NEWS PATE WAS ENTITLED "DANGEROUS INCIDENT IN KOREA," AND SUB-TITLED "SKIRMISH IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE AS A RESULT OF PROVOCATION BY USA AND SOUTH KOREAN OFFICERS--FIGHTING READINESS OF U.S. OCCUPATION UNITS ANFLJDRK ARMED FORCES."

2. QUOTING THE NORTH KOREAN PRESS AGENCY, RUDE PRAVO ALLEGES DMZ WAS "INVADED6
?6 - "GROUP OF 14 PROVOCATEURS." NORTH
KOREAN SECURITY PERSONNEL "TRIED TO MAKE THEM LEAVE THE ZONE"
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BUT WERE "GROSSLY ATTACKED AND FORCED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES."

THE INCIDENT "LEFT WOUNDED ON BOTH SIDES," AND TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS WERE REPORTED KILLED. RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT "U.S. OCCUPATION TROOPS" IN SOUTH KOREA ARE ON COMBAT ALERT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY CONSIDERS CZECHOSLOVAK SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN REGIME AND POLICIES TO BE UNSWERVING, RUDE PRAVO ARTICLE CITES NORTH KOREAN PRESS STATEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT. INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PLAYED UP MORE THAN IT WAS.
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